RESOLUTION NUMBER 193 HONORING DR. MARTY K. CASEY

WHEREAS, Dr. Marty K. Casey performance artist and activist has procreated and given meaning to a new word "*Actrivist*!"; and

WHEREAS, leveraging the ARTS for HEALING, Dr. Casey, founded *UnGUN* Institute, focused on healing trauma through applied arts; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Casey has found a way to connect and communicate through the Arts; in 2020 she performed on stage in the **Big Apple** for the AARP association, to a sold-out crowd, just days before the global pandemic forced a lock down; and

WHEREAS, while the pandemic slowed us all down, Dr. Casey, still found ways to push her agenda for activism and community healing and as such her efforts gained recognition, by the St. Louis Business Journal, featuring her on the cover as one of the *Top 25 Most Influential Businesswomen in St. Louis*; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Casey's community and philanthropy efforts over the past ten years have yielded numerous awards and accolades; however, the greatest reward of them all is realizing the positive impact that her commitment to engaging, connecting, and communicating with the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Casey actively serves on three boards; Hope Creates, Gateway to Dreams and Purpose Earth, all aligned with her mission to heal communities through the empowerment of recovery through expressive arts. In 2021 Marty K. Casey received the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award signed by President, Joseph R. Biden.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations, during Women's History Month, to recognize the many accomplishments and achievements of Dr. Mary K. Casey. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the Minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to her at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 4th day of March, 2022 by: The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman 27th Ward

Adopted this 4th day of March, 2022 as attested by:

Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis Reed
President, Board of Aldermen